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Daily Diary, O/RR, 14 March 1951

D/B: The NIS Committee held its weekly meeting on 13 March. The Committee discussed revision of the outline guides for Chapter IV, V, VI and section 83 of Chapter VIII.

The Editorial Board [ ] conferred with NIS contributors from OIR concerning material from State now being processed in D/B.

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Action: AD/RR information.

D/M: The Food and Agriculture Branch prepared material for Reports Division to be used in answering letter from Treasury Department to the DCI in regard to slave labor in the production of furs in the USSR.

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[ ] attended meeting of the Interdepartmental Chemicals Statistics Committee which considered the problem of suppression of statistics. The committee was convinced that no significant suppression of statistics during the current emergency would be tolerated by either government collecting agencies or the American public. There seemed to be unanimity of opinion that the problem of suppressing significant information in the Congressional Record or the Federal Register would be almost impossible. It is the CIA representative's opinion that if this proves to be the case the effort to suppress statistics is wasted.

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[ ] had an informal discussion with [ ] O/SI, at the latter's request on the role of the Special Commodities Branch. It is agreed that a satisfactory solution could be worked out.

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D/A: [ ] arranged for C. K. Nichols, Department of Defense, to discuss with [ ] D/S, the reported acceleration of construction on inland waterways in the USSR.

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[ ] conferred with [ ] CIA Library, on a complete revision of the Library Subject Code sections dealing with the fields of interest of the Economic Warfare and Export Control Support Branches of D/A.

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[ ] advised [ ] D/S, regarding the Department of State recommendation to lower strategic export ratings on railway rails and steel castings, and forgings for marine and railroad equipment.

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D/G, D/S, D/I, D/R, D/C negative.

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